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Applicant's reply brief filed on 9/10/2008 has been noted. The college text book "Java, how to program" by H.M. Deitel and P.J. Deitel is mentioned in the response to arguments to show that exclusion identifiers are well known in the art of computer science/programming/software development and can be found in any standard text for programming classes.

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